

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

February 3, 2015

Wiseburn Walking Path Project

The Wiseburn Walking Path Project (Project) is envisioned to become the first open space and recreational destination within the unincorporated community of Wiseburn. The Project includes the development of a linear park and walking path, parallel to an existing sidewalk along the eastside of the Interstate 405 Freeway, parallel to South La Cienega Boulevard, from 132nd to 139th Streets. The Project also includes fitness zones along the pathway, benches, lighting, fencing, and landscaping.

The Project is estimated to cost \$2,736,000. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps has received a \$349,000 grant from the Natural Resource Agency's Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Grant Program to support the Project. In addition, both Quimby and Proposition A Excess Funds from the Second Supervisorial District are available to fund the remaining costs of the Project.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT:

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1. Find that the Wiseburn Walking Path Project (Project) is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Sections 15303(e) and 15304 (a) (b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(b), and 4(a) (c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the Project provides for installation of small new structures, minor alterations to land, and new landscaping;
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,885,000 in County Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the proposed Project; and
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps after the Department of Parks and Recreation assigns its right to apply and if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds accounts.

I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

4. Adopt the attached Resolution assigning Los Angeles County's right to apply for \$1,885,000 of Second Supervisorial District County Excess Funds to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, pursuant to the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to partially fund the Project;

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5. Authorize the Director to enter into a funding and development agreement, subject to County Counsel review and approval, with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps for the development of the Project and Los Angeles County's contribution of Quimby Funds to partially fund the Project;
6. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$502,000 in Quimby Funds, collected by the Department of Parks and Recreation in Park Planning Area 18, for a grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps to partially fund the construction of the proposed Project;
7. Upon completion satisfactory to the Director, authorize the Director to accept the improvements made by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps as part of the construction of the proposed Project; and
8. Authorize the Director or his duly authorized representative to take all further actions necessary and appropriate to complete the construction of Project, including, without limitation, entering into any additional necessary agreements with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps, upon approval as to form by County Counsel.

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